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SUBJECT: KOREA QUESTION AT 30TH UNGA--GUYANA'S VOTING INTENTIONS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. FONMIN WILLS ALLEGES HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR ABSTENTIONS ON BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS IS BEING QUESTIONED BY RADICAL MEMBERS OF CABINET, BUT HE THINKS HE CAN PER- SAUDE COLLEAGUES TO ACCEPT HIS VIEW IN LIGHT OF STRONG PRESENTATION I MADE OCTOBER 15. CANADIANS HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A DEMARCHE BUT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION MADE PITCH AT PER- MANENT SECRETARY LEVEL LAST WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN WILLS RETURNED TO GEORGETOWN OVER WEEKEND. I LEARNED OCTOBER 14 THAT MY CANADIAN COLLEAGUE HAD RECEIVED NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA AS WE HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT FROM PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL E. I HAD NOT SEEN FONMIN WILLS SINCE BEFORE MID-AUGUST DEPARTURE ON LEAVE SO I SOUGHT APPOINTMENT FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ALTHOUGH CANADIAN COLLEAGUE SAID HE
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WOULD QUERY OTTAWA ABOUT STATUS OF INSTRUCTIONS, I DECIDED TO GO

AHEAD WITH INDEPENDENT PRESENTATION IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO GUYANA'S INTENTIONS.

3. I SAID I WAS SURE PERMSEC COLLINS HAD BRIEFED WILLS ON PRESENTATION IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO GUYANA'S INTENTIONS.

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TATION MADE BY CHARGE IN MY ABSENCE (REFTEL F), AND I ASSUMED HE HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED IN NEWYORK. I ADDED THAT FRENCH AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL CO-SPONSORS AND THAT WE HAD PROVIDED A COPY OF AMENDED RESOLUTION TO PERMSEC COLLINS. I SAID WE UNDERSTOOD FROM PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS IN NEW YORK THAT GUYANA WAS INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS AND THAT WE WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT THIS POSITION WOULD HOLD WHEN ISSUE CAME TO VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK.

4. WITH A WRY SMILE WILLS SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT GUYANA SHOULD QUOTE KEEP ON SIDE-LINES END QUOTE ON THIS ISSUE BY ABSTENTION ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS AND HE HAD SO INDICATED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN NEWYORK. SINCE RETURNING TO GEORGETOWN HE HAD ENCOUNTERED RATHER STIFF OPPOSITION TO THIS POSTURE FROM QUOTE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF CABINET END QUOTE (AMONG WHOM WE ASSUME IS PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM). HE SAID HIS COLLEAGUES THINKING IS INFLUENCED BY THE VARIOUS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN GUYANESE-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE FACT THAT GUYANESE TRADE MISSION IS ABOUT TO VISIT PYONGYANG (GEORGETOWN 1541 NOTAL).

5. I THEN WEIGHTED IN WITH ARGUMENTS DRAWN FROM TALKING PAPER WE HAD PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER, POINTING OUT IN PARTICULAR THAT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS A REASONED AND EARNEST EFFORT TO BRING ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE, WHEREAS NORTH KOREA AND ITS ALLIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO EXCLUDE THE ROKG ALTOGETHER FROM HAVING VOICE IN FUTURE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ON THE PENINSULA. I ADDED THAT I HOPED THAT THE MESSAGE HAD GOTTEN THROUGH TO HIM THAT THE USG REGARDS THE VOTE ON THE KOREAN ITEM AS A QUOTE GUT END QUOTE ISSUE, VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS, AND THAT I WOULD BE DERELICT IN MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A FRIEND, OFFICIAL AND OTHERWISE, OF GUYANA IF I DID NOT ENSURE THAT IT WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR IN HIS MIND AND THE MINDS OF HIS COLLEAGUES

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THAT GUYANA'S VOTE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE BOUND TO BE REFLECTED IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. WILLS SAID THIS WAS EXACTLY THE BASIS FOR HIS WANTING TO AVOID GUYANESE INVOLVEMENT AND THAT AS HOLDING OPERATION, HE HAD MADE SURE THAT RASHLEIGH JACKSON AT UN WAS UNDER CATEGORIC INSTRUCTIONS NOT RPT NOT TO BECOME CO-SPONSOR OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. WILLS WAS, HOWEVER, HOPEFUL THAT WITH THE FURTHER INDICATION OF HOW

SERIOUSLY THE US REGARDED THIS ISSUE, AND HOW MARGINAL IT REALLY IS TO GUYANA'S INTERESTS, EVEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT TREND TOWARD CLOSER TRADE AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, HE COULD CONVINCE HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES TO SEE IT HIS WAY.

7. LATER IN OUR CONVERSATION, I GAVE WILLS AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE US APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR GUYANA IN IDB (STATE 242038 NOTAL). IN THIS REGARD I SAID THAT IT APPEARED THE HOUSE BILL WOULD COME TO A VOTE IN EARLY NOVEMBER AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THE COMPANION BILL WOULD BE BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, QUOTE BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS END QUOTE. I EMPHASIZED LATTER PHRASE AND I BELIEVE WILLS GOT THE IMPLICATION.

8. MEANWHILE WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION THAT, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, THEY MADE A DEMARCHE ON THE KOREAN ITEM AT UNGA TO PERMSEC COLLINS THIS WEEK WITH INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS, BUT INTIMATION GUYANA LEANING TOWARD VOTING YES ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. KREBS

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